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EXPECTED TO-DAY.

ANNIVERSARY OF SEDAN.

RUSSIAN CAMPAIGN.

Tremendous Fighting.

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Apparently the British have had no fighting since Wednesday.

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WAR BULLETIN.

HEAVY FIGHTING.

SIR GEO. REID'S MESSAGE.

MELBOURNE, Tuesday. The Minister for External Affairs has received the following messages from the High Commissioner in London:

"The French Embassy states that the King of the Allies has taken the offensive, and driven the Prussian Guard back to Cologne."

"There is heavy fighting south-west of Metz, due to the advance by an army under the Crown Prince."

"The French have taken the offensive in the north, and have pushed back the German forces to the Somme, and overrun the north-west of France with cavalry."

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AGENT-GENERAL'S MESSAGE.

POSITION OF ALLIES.

The following telegram from the State Agent-General in London was received to-day at the Premier's office:

"There is no news beyond what has been despatched by the press."

"The Allied Forces extended on Saturday behind the Somme, from a bivouac to the south of the Somme, to a point 10 miles south of Verdun, as far as Toul, and south along valley of Upper Moselle."

"Late news says left flank has pushed back still further, and German have had some successes at La Fere."

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THE NAVIES.

MORE MINE LAYING.

GERMAN VESSEL CAUGHT.

SUNK BY BRITISH CRUISER.

LONDON, Aug. 31. A British cruiser caught a German trawler flying the Norwegian flag laying mines in the North Sea.

The cruiser gave the crew of the German vessel three minutes to escape and then rammed and sank the trawler.

BRITISH BRAVERY.

GERMAN ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

BERLIN, Sept. 1. A wireless message through the military service has been received here which says: "The British sailors in the light off Heligoland, without considering their own danger, set out in lifeboats to save our men."

THE ARMIES.

LATEST REPORTS.

FRENCH STATEMENT.

PARIS, Sept. 1. An official communique was issued last night summing up the situation.

It stated: "On the right flank, after partial checks, we have taken the offensive, and the enemy is now retreating."

"In the centre we have had alternate successes and checks, and a general battle is now in progress."

"The morale of the armies is extremely good, despite losses, which have now been made good from the depots."

"The French resumed the offensive two days ago, in the Vosges, and in Lorraine, this attack continues to be pressed forward, although slowly. Every position occupied is immediately strengthened, and the advance every day is characterised by new local successes."

"The troops in the Spincourt and Longueval districts, in the north-east of Verdun, have checked the German Crown Prince's army near Neufchateau, but on the other hand some French troops suffered partial checks, and were obliged to retire on the Meuse."

"During the last few days the enemy have been trying to cross the Meuse in considerable numbers, but have been thrown back with very heavy losses."

"Fresh German forces have advanced by Roer, a few miles to the north-west of Metz, and a general action is in progress, but it is impossible to foresee the final result."

"The communique attributes the Allies' retreat from Charleroi and Mons to the Germans forcing the French flank near Givet."

It also mentions that the French are withdrawing before the German right wing, where the enemy has concentrated its finest corps."

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GERMAN CASUALTIES.

BERLIN, Sept. 1. The German War Office has forbidden the publication of any further casualty lists.

GERMAN METHODS.

A TERRORIST POLICY.

MURDER AND LOOT.

LONDON, Aug. 31. An Oxford graduate, who was present at the sack of Louvain, states that when he entered on Friday morning the greater part of the town was ablaze, and the Germans were tumbling into the streets. The houses were looting the ruins, and dead littered the streets. At that time the Hotel de Ville (Town-hall) was intact, and the German officers stated that they intended to preserve it.

"In the morning we witnessed the systematic burning of houses in revenge for the inhabitants firing on the Uhlans. He also saw five civilians shot while escaping from burning dwellings."

"THOROUGHLY SUCCESSFUL."

LONDON, Aug. 31. The Antwerp correspondent of the "Daily Chronicle" says that a personal visit to Malines shows the reports of the damage have been greatly exaggerated. Thousands of windows were smashed, and only 70 houses were practically destroyed, despite the bombardment, which extended over three days.

The correspondent adds that the streets are deserted. The remaining inhabitants are taking refuge in underground passages, which extend in all directions.

He says he found 200 old men and women in a dark, wet passage, stretched and trembling on mattresses in a veritable frenzy of terror, as they believed the Germans were coming to kill them.

The writer adds that the terrorist policy on the part of the Germans had been thoroughly successful.

OUTRAGES IN LIEGE.

OSTEND, Sept. 1. Eye-witnesses state that the natives of Liege were forced to build a road connecting the city with Aix-la-Chapelle.

It is also stated that the Germans are burning whole streets of Liege on the slightest provocation.

The Germans recently fired on the terrified inhabitants of three burning streets, killing 16.

In one case a boy of seven years, shot because he pointed a toy gun at some German soldiers.

Frequent incidents are reported of drunken Germans firing their rifles and then accusing the inhabitants, upon which the burning and murdering commenced.

BRUSSELS THREATENED.

LONDON, Sept. 1. The "Express" correspondent at the Hague, Mr. Selous, "The Alkali King," M. Lambert, the Rothschild's representative in Belgium, M. Waroene, a mine-owner, and Baron Empain, a railway magnate, have guaranteed to Germany the payment of £8,000,000, otherwise Brussels would have been treated as Louvain, and the city would have been destroyed.

Big guns had already been mounted in the Place du Congrès, in front of the Palais de Justice.

MINERS' INDIGNATION.

LONDON, Sept. 1. The statements that the Germans at Charleroi destroyed the winding machinery at the pit mouths, thus entombing the miners, have aroused indignation in mining circles in the North of England, and has had the effect of stimulating recruiting for the miners' regiments that are being formed.

"HARD MEASURES" JUSTIFIED.

BERLIN, Sept. 1. General von Moltke denies that the German troops have committed atrocities, and declares that where hard measures have been taken they have been provoked by the participation of the civil population, including women, in the war.

Count von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador, declares that the inhabitants of Louvain cut the throats of some German officers—hence the destruction of the city.

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FINANCE AND TRADE.

LONDON, Aug. 31. The Marquis of Crewe (Lord Privy Seal) stated in the House of Lords this afternoon that it was impossible to arrange for the moratorium to forthwith cease, and it must continue until further notice.

THE MORATORIUM.

LONDON, Sept. 1. Mr. Lloyd George, Chancellor of the Exchequer, announced in the House of Commons last night that the moratorium was extended for a month. He added that confidence was being gradually established, and he hoped to practically abolish the moratorium within a few weeks.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

LONDON, Aug. 31. The committee of the Stock Exchange has ordered all members to make a confidential return of the amount they owe the banks and other institutions, stating whether they are with or without a margin, also the amount they have open in consols, Irish 2½ per cent, India 8 and 3½ per cent, Colonial and Foreign partly paid scrips, and all stocks and shares, of which the settlement department undertakes the settlement.

It is believed that the information is required in order to ascertain whether the reopening of the Exchange is possible.

DIVIDENDS AND THE ENEMY.

The Board of Trade has warned joint stock companies against paying dividends declared by them or interest due since the outbreak of war to persons residing in the territory of the enemy, who against registering the transfer of shares or debentures from such persons.

Such dividends and interests, the board says, should be paid into separate accounts during the war.

THE DOMINIONS.

CAPETOWN, Aug. 31. The Labour party throughout the South African Union is forming a legion for service if required.

DEMAND FOR NEWS.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31. The Prime Minister, Mr. Asquith, in the House of Commons this afternoon, pressed to permit correspondents being allowed at the front, owing to the alarming telegrams published in yesterday's "Times."

Mr. Asquith said it was impossible to permit to the press the action of the press generally, but the public had a right to know the truth, and he would endeavour to supply a daily narrative of the course of the war promptly and as fully as possible.

He said that in order to the relaxation of the censorship in order that the country might have a more vivid knowledge of the heroic deeds of the British forces, recalled what happened in Victoria at the outbreak of the South African war. He said that telegrams were posted outside the newspaper offices, and when they read of the reverses to the British, the Australians were instantly stirred to action. The Australian contingents declared, were organised in consequence of Mr. F. E. Smith's speech.

BRITISH POLITICS.

LONDON, Sept. 1. Mr. F. E. Smith, M.P., admits that he personally edited the "Times" message on Sunday last, and that he himself wrote the paragraph insisting on the necessity for increased recruiting.

INJUDICIOUS RADICALS.

LONDON, Aug. 31. In the House of Commons last night the Prime Minister moved the adjournment till September 6.

He stated that the Government intended to put the Home Rule Bill and the Welsh Disestablishment Bill on the statute book before the session closed, but would consider it most unfair to ignore the Home Rule Amendment Bill, and it was hoped to arrive at a settlement by negotiation. The Government, he added, would also make a special proposal regarding the Welsh Disestablishment Bill in view of the new circumstances.

The leader of the Opposition, Mr. Bonar Law, agreed that if the Home Rule controversy were revived it would be a disgrace which the country could not readily forgive.

Mr. J. E. Redmond, the leader of the Nationalist party, concurred, but added that any proposal depriving the Nationalists of the Home Rule Bill would be warmly resented. He pointed out that there had arisen in Ireland a great opportunity for reconciliation.

Mr. A. J. Balfour (Unionist) regretted that Mr. Asquith had left it to the matter where Mr. Asquith had left it. It would not be possible or decent to introduce a subject of acute political discussion in the present circumstances.

The Ministerialists expressed dissent when several Radical members commenced a warm debate, until Mr. Asquith appealed to the House to end the discussion in view of the necessity of presenting a united front to the enemy.

BRITISH RECRUITING.

LONDON, Sept. 1. In response to Lord Kitchener's request, all political parties have formed a joint recruiting committee, which includes the leaders, whips, and chief officials, with Mr. Asquith (Prime Minister), Mr. Bonar Law (leader of the Opposition), and Mr. Arthur Henderson (Labour), as presidents. Major-General Sir Henry Seymour Rawlin-

son is to serve on the committee. Besides promoting public meetings, the committee will issue suitable publications.

Birmingham has offered to raise and equip a City Battalion for service.

Mr. Mobbs, the well-known footballer, is raising a force of 200 men for Lord Kitchener's army.

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